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Director's Meeting

Friday, 1 February 1952 25X1

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [redacted]

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The Director:

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c. Read portions of a letter he had received from [redacted] pertaining to defectors. Mr. Wisner stated that [redacted] comments bore out the discussion on this subject at yesterday's Deputies meeting. The DCI stated that he personally wished to attend the next Interdepartmental [redacted] meeting for about five minutes. He also asked Mr. Wisner to reply to [redacted] letter and briefly discussed what should be contained therein.

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d. Asked Mr. Becker to discuss a certain matter with Kingman Douglass.

Mr. Dulles:

a. Stated he was attending a meeting of the US Evaluation Board this morning and that [redacted] was the present chairman of this Board. He noted that the present charter of the Board covers technical activities only and some provision should be made for this Board to receive policy guidance from a "high level committee". The DCI agreed and stated that policy guidance to the Evaluation Board was a missing link between the Board and the National Security Council. Mr. Dulles again expressed his opinion that probably the Steering Committee of the NSC should have the responsibility for formulation of policy and furnishing "ideas" to the Evaluation Board for implementation.

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b. Noted that he was to have a talk with [redacted] prior to his departure on a trip during which he was to see Tito. 25X1

Mr. Wisner:

a. Stated that some of his people would be standing by to brief Mr. Harriman after the luncheon today.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

b. Referred to the item in today's log concerning [redacted] and gave the DCI locations of these groups. 25X1

c. Stated that Mr. Llewellyn Thompson was in Washington. The DCI indicated he would see him.

25X1 d. Noted that [redacted] had given him an oral report on the Iranian elections and that a memorandum on this subject was being prepared for the DCI. The question was then raised of participation by our "area desk people" in ONE estimates. The Director stated that full advantage should be taken of the knowledge of our "area people" in the preparation of estimates. In this connection, Mr. Becker noted that the last estimate published by ONE on Iran was a case in point and stated that it could stand a great deal of improvement. After some discussion, Mr. Becker undertook to (a) look into the whole problem of ONE productions; (b) pass along the Director's views on "agreed estimates".

e. Noted that he had been in touch with Mr. Bohlen and had expressed to him the Director's views on the establishment of combined covert operations.

f. Referred to the cable on 31 January from [redacted] and Johnston and read portions thereof. The Director noted that from the contents of this cable it appeared we were "getting along in this area". 25X1

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